THR MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) A secret letter carrying instructions from Paresh Barua, self styled commander in Chief of ULFA, regarding attack on their selected enemy has been intercepted.

(c) All concerned have been alerted to remain vigilant and take preventive action.

Bomb blasts in Lucknow

867. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:
SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some incidents of bomb blasts occurred at Lucknow on 8th February, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of persons killed and injured during these blasts and also of the loss of property caused by it;

(c) whether any compensation has since been paid to the victims or their families;

(d) if so, give details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(e) whether any inquiry has been conducted and any arrest made in this regard;

(f) whether it is a fact that the militants of Punjab are involved in the bomb explosions in various parts of Uttar Pradesh;

(g) which were the States affected by bomb explosions during February, 1991;

(h) whether strength of police force in the country has been increased many fold and they are provided with large number of vehicles; and

(i) if so, how these blasts have taken place in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (f) The information is being obtained from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and a Statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

(g) The information is being obtained from all States/Union Territory Administrations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(h) and (i) Under the VIIth Schedule to the Constitution, 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. The primary responsibility for maintenance of law and order thus directly devolves on the State Governments. Nevertheless, the Central Government remains in touch with the State Governments and constantly monitors and reviews the situations. As and when necessary suitable assistance is provided to the State Governments, It is, therefore, primarily for the State Governments to take appropriate action in this regard.

Visit of Mr. Adnan Khashoggi to India

868. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman of the 31st January, 1991 under the caption "Khashoggi Visits Capital"; if so, the purpose of his visit and the details of talks held with him;

(b) whether the visit was in any way connected with Gulf War; if so, Government's policy in this regard;

(c) whether the Prime Minister had also attended the dinner hosted in his honour; if so, the name of the host and the total amount spent on it;

(d) whether it is a fact that he was invited by Government to hold negotiations on arms purchases or for arranging loan from Gulf countries;

(e) whether the visit has resulted into some deals; if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the VIPs whom Mr. Khashoggi had called on have reported their discussion to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir. Mr. Adnan Khashoggi, a Saudi Arabian businessman, was in India on a private visit from 27 January. During the course of his visit, he had called on, among others, the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. The discussions were of a general nature.

(b) During the meetings with Government dignitaries, there was no discussion on Government's polcies on the Gulf.

(c) The Prime Minister attended a dinner hosted by Dr. J. K. Jain, MP (Rajya sabha), on 29 January, 1991. Mr. Khashoggi was among the invitees at this dinner.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Since Mr. Khashoggi was on a private visit to India and did not hold any structural talks reports about his talks with various political leaders were not sought.

Communal Disturbances at Lucknow and Ghaziabad

869. SHRI JAGESH DESAI:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that communal disturbances took place in recent weeks at Lucknow and Ghaziabad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the riots were preplanned;

(c) if so, the details of loss of lives and property in these disturbances;

(d) whether the factors that led to these disturbances have been investigated;

(e) what are the remedial measures being taken to aviod the recurrence of such disturbances in the country;

(f) whether Government have given any kind of relief to the riot victims; and

(g) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) as per the available information, the communal violence at Lucknow from 14th to 17th January, 1991 was consequent to a dispute between persons belonging to different communities in which eight persons were killed and 21 were injured. The communal violence at Ghaziabad was on account of group clashes between persons belonging to different communities over objection to provocative slogans in which 10 persons were killed and 41 injured. Property worth Rs. 21.71 lakhs is reported to have been lost in the communal violence at Ghaziabad. The riots at the above places were essentially the handiwork of anti-social and communal elements.

(e) As regards remedial measures being taken to avoid the recurrence of such dis-